

ABSTRACT

A method and system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network that includes at least one server node and multiple client nodes is disclosed. The method and system include enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by initiating, on one client node, a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and then charging a fee based on a quantity of the content served. The method and system further include enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content. The decentralized downloads are provided by allowing the client nodes to subscribe to one or more of the subscription-based content, periodically sending the subscribed to subscription-based content to each the respective subscribing client nodes, and charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content.